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SUBJECT: VISIT OF CROWN PRINCE TO U.S.

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SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE OUTLINES SEVERAL SCHEDULING PROPOSALS FOR CROWN PRINCE'S VISIT TO U.S. STARTING JULY 29 FOR TEN DAYS. CROWN PRINCE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY PARTY TOTALING ABOUT TEN AND PLANS VISIT FLORIDA AND SCENIC SIGHTS ELSEWHERE IN U.S. SHAH WISHES VISIT TO BE ENTIRELY PRIVATE WITH MINIMUM PUBLICITY. RECOMMENDED ACTION: VARIOUS PROPOSALS FOR CROWN PRINCE'S TRAVEL IN U.S. BE RECONCILED WITH IRANIAN EMBASSY WHILE SHAH IS IN U.S. ON STATE VISIT.

1. DURING LAST FEW DAYS WE HAVE ATTEMPTED CLARIFY GOI'S WISHES REGARDING THE CROWN PRINCE'S FORTHCOMING TRAVEL TO U.S. SUBJECT CAME UP DURING DINNER WITH SHAH AND EMPRESS JULY 19 AND MORE RECENTLY WITH ALAM JULY 23. FOLLOWING SEEMS TO BE STATUS OF PLANNING FOR VISIT:

2. SHAH WISHES CROWN PRINCE TO SEE SOME OF SCENIC,
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AMUSEMENT AND TECHNOLOGICAL ATTRACTIONS IN U.S. QTE

BEFORE HE GROWN UP UNQTE. HIM ENVISAGES TRIP OF TEN DAYS WITH DEPARTURE FROM TEHRAN JULY 28 TO PARIS AND THEN PROCEEDING DIRECTLY TO U.S. JULY 29. HIM WOULD LIKE TRIP TO BE CONSIDERED ENTIRELY PRIVATE WITH ABSOLUTELY NO PROTOCOL OVERTONES OR INVOLVMENT. HE WOULD PREFER THERE BE NO PUBLICITY AND EMPRESS IN PARTICULAR HOPES THAT PHOTOGRAPHERS AND REPORTERS WILL NOT QTE PESTZA UNQTE PARTY AS IT TRAVELS AROUND THE U.S. HIM ALSO HOPES THAT ADVANCE NOTICE OF CROWN PRINCE'S PLANS CAN BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM CONSISTENT WITH SECURITY REQUIREMENTS. LATTER ARE CLEARLY OF CONCERN TO SHAH.

3. PARTY ACCOMPANYING CROWN PRINCE WILL INCLUDE PRINCESS RAHNAZ, AGE 10, PRINCE ALI REZA, AGE 7, EMPRESS'S MOTHER MRS. DIBA, COURT ADC BEHBEHALIAN, AND JOELLE XSIET, GOVERNESS, PLUS SECURITY GUARDS, NAMES TO BE PROVIDED LATER.

4. THERE ARE SEVERAL PROGRAMS UNDER CONSIDERATION REPRESENTING PREFERENCES OF PRINCIPALS AND SENIOR GOI OFFICIALS. HOPEFULLY THESE PLANS CAN BE RECONCILED BETWEEN SHAH AND ZAHEDI DURING HIM'S CURRENT VISIT TO U.S.

A. ZAHEDI PROPOSAL: ZAHEDI HAS PROPOSED THREE DAYS IN WASHINGTON, ONE DAY IN BUFFALO SEEING NIAGARA FALLS, TWO DAYS YELLOWSTONE PARK, ONE DAY AT BOEING PLANT, SEATTLE, AND CRATER LAKE, ONE DAY AT DISNEYLAND AND REDWOOD FOREST PARK IN CALIFORNIA, ONE DAY AT GRAND CANYON AND TWO DAYS IN FLORIDA SEEING DISNEY WORLD, CYPRESS GARDENS AND CAPE KENNEDY. COMMENT: BOTH SHAH AND EMPRESS BELIEVE ZAHEDI HAS OVER-SCHEDULED CROWN PRINCE.

B. SHAH'S PROPOSALS TO ZAHEDI AFTER REVIEWING LATTER'S SUGGESTIONS: TRIP SHOULD BE NOT MORE THAN TEN DAYS FROM DAY OF ENTRY TO DEPARTURE. SHAH PROPOSES CROWN PRINCE FLY DIRECTLY FROM PARIS TO FLORIDA AND VISIT DISNEY WORLD, CYPRESS GARDENS AND CAPE KENNEDY PLUS ANY OTHER ATTRACTIONS FLORIDA HAS TO OFFER 13-YEAR OLD BOY. SHAH ALSO SUGGESTS NIAGARA FALLS QTE IF CONFIDENTIAL

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POSSIBLE UNQTE.

C. EMPRESS'S PROPOSAL: AFTER CONSIDERING ZAHEDI PROPOSALS EMPRESS HAS SUGGESTED THAT CROWN PRINCE AND PARTY SPEND MOST OF TIME IN FLORIDA AT PLACES NAMED ABOVE AND THEN PROCEED TO YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK INSTEAD OF NIAGARA FALLS.

5. COMMENT: WE REGRET WE CANNOT COME UP WITH FIRM

PLANS BUT SHAH AND EMPRESS SEEM TO BE HAVING SAME PROBLEMS
MOST PARENTS DO IN PLANNING ITINERARY IN U.S. FOR 13-YEAR
OLD BOY. AFTER TALKING WITH PRINCIPALS HERE WE
FAVOR EMPRESS'S SUGGESTION AS MORE MANAGEABLE AND
MEETING MOST OF HIM'S WISHES THAT CROWN PRINCE SEE
AMUSEMENT, SCENIC AND TECHNICOLOGICAL SIGHTS, ALL OF
WHICH AVAILABLE IN FLORIDA. OTHER POSSIBILITIES
IN FLORIDA THAT OCCUR TO US ARE SEAQUARIUM IN MIAMI,
PARROT JUNGLE AND MONKEY JUNGLE, ALSO IN MIAMI AREA,
ALIGATOR FARMS IN SOUTHERN FLORIDA, DEEP SEA FISHING
OFF THE COAST, AND EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK.

6. NOTE: CROWN PRINCE AND HIS BROTHER AND SISTER
SPEAK FRENCH BUT NOT ENGLISH. MRS. DIBA SPEAKS NEITHER
FRENCH NOR ENGLISH.
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